



It was a gala opening night for the Key Largo Casino

It was not only Aruba's glitterati that turned out for the ribbon cutting on the official opening of the Key Largo Casino on Friday evening, September 22. Hundreds waited outside the door for the moment when it would open to the public, and they were not disappointed by the bright and beautiful interior of the casino and the Blue Marlin Restaurant attached.

Joining Fred Gillman, head of The Gillman Group was parliament member Marlon Werleman to do the honors of cutting the blue ribbon, the trademark color of the casino. Assisting them in this task was Casino Manager Bernadette Christiaans, and Marketing Manager Midelia Willems.

Standing side by side with Fred Gillman to greet special guests were Director of Project Development Benjamin Urban and Technical Services Director Shawn Metcalf, two key figures in making the opening a success. Casino patrons were treated to a sampling of the bar service and the "Voodoo Chicken Wings" amongst other items that grace the restaurant's menu while they danced to the music of NBO, a premiere local band.

In his thank you address to the gathering, Fred Gillman announced his confidence in the future of the project, which will move into what was the Royal Cabana Casino after radical renovations are completed. He also declared their casino's intention to be involved with the community, and that one hundred percent of every dollar that was earned on the first night would be donated to local charity.

The Key Largo Casino and Blue Marlin Restaurant can be found in what originally opened as "The Outback" Steakhouse adjacent to the La Cabana all suites resorts. Their temporary headquarters is a cozy and stylish casino with a light, bright restaurant featuring what management promises are "the best prices in town, and happy hour drink prices the entire day." The casino and restaurant open at 11:00 AM for the slot machines and lunch, dinner, or their special late night menu. The gaming tables, which have Caribbean Stud and Texas Hold 'em tables open at 4:00 PM, and where can be found the new Caribbean Hold 'em games, an exclusive in Aruba to the Key Largo Casino. The Texas Hold 'em tables are set up to compete against the dealer, so one need not wait until a tournament starts to get their poker fix.

THE NEWS offers a warm welcome to the Key Largo Casino, which from the opening night festivities apparently will bring entertainment and fun back to gaming in Aruba!